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GLOBALISATION AND MIGRATION PRESSURES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact globalisation will increase migration pressures as brought out by International Labour Organisation (ILO) in a book written by Peter Stalker;

(b) if so, whether the Government has studied the effects in our country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to correct the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b) : The book entitled `Workers without Frontiers - Impact of Globalisation on Internation Migration` byPeter Stalker released by the ILO recently reveals that far from reducing international migration flows - by moving products instead of people - globalisation will give rise to increased migration pressures in the years ahead. The Book also argues that flows of goods and capitals between rich countries will not be large enough to offset the needs for employment in poorer countries. Instead the social disruption caused by economic restructuring is likely to shake more people loose from their communities and encourage them to look abroad for work. It further reveals that countries like India might become much more integrated into the global economy. This could still leave a vast number of Indian people marginalised but with sufficient resources to travel overseas in search of work.

(c) : Review of policies and programmes on international migration is a continuous process in the Government with a view to minimising social costs.